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We recycle

A Blue Box recycling program is about to be started at Niagara College. Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs of the Student Administrative Council, kicked off the program which will collect used newspaper and low grade newsprint at the college. Pick up will begin Tuesday Feb. 7 from the boxes placed in areas such as the Niagara News, the Tourism department and the Library.

Photo by Shelley Moore

Only a possibility

Nursing, Theatre Arts may go to Wellandvale

The Nursing and Theatre Arts programs may "possibly" be moved to the St.Catharines campus if the college decides not to sell the Wellandvale property.

"We are looking at the possibility of consolidating programs presently not in permanent facilities," Hans van der Slagt, vice-president, administration, said, describing one of several "very tentative" plans the college is considering.

The Space Requirements Committee was organized to examine the various "development alternatives" and is exploring the options related to selling the campus, keeping it, or developing the campus for "other purposes."

Mr. van der Slagt said the committee is examining the options available to the college if the campus closes; for instance, where would the programs be relocated? It is also exploring "what can be done to make it more viable."

A new heating plant is needed, along with new windows and insulation. "Modification to the space inside is dependent on how we decide to use the facility," he said.

"All the consequences of the options" will be worked out to give the board a "complete overview."

Mr. van der Slagt said it is the "aim" of the committee that a preliminary report will be ready for the board by Feb. 16, to be presented along with the final Operating Budget.

No cuts in Board's '89 plans

Jacqueline Robarts said the Board of Governors does not want "to cut any more programs."

Miss Robarts made the comments hoping to squelch rumors about the demise of more college programs, due to budgetary cutbacks.

"Rumors of budget cuts are just that — rumors," the college president said in an interview last Monday. "The talks are not over yet. Much has still to be decided."

Rumors about budget cuts affecting the Theatre Centre have been flying throughout the college. Last year, programs were eliminated to help overcome the college deficit.

SAC butts out proposal of paying for Smokenders, disappoints Board

William Heelis, new chairman of the Board of Governors, is "disappointed" that the Student Administrative Council has refused a board request to contribute $4,000 toward the $19,375 Smokenders tab.

"The onus isn't on us," Randy Conlon, SAC president said. "I entertained the motion and it wasn't even seconded."

"We were not even approached until long after the college was committed (to the smoking policy)," Randy said Monday. It was not until "they realized how much money was involved" that they requested SAC's assistance.

After last week's full board meeting, Mr. Heelis said, "I'm disappointed that the SAC executives couldn't support the Smokenders program."

The boards approval of the new two-phase smoking policy, effective Jan. 2, had said the college must provide 100 per cent financial backing for those smokers who wished to quit.

But a surprisingly high turnout by students and employees left the college with a $19,375 bill for the service.

Smokenders classes began the second week of January, one week after the new policy of smoking in designated areas was implemented. The second phase of the policy — a total ban on smoking throughout the college — will be in place Sept. 5.

Don't let legend get you in a stew

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

Groundhog day was yesterday, but there was one groundhog that was unable to give its prediction. It's in the fridge. Its predicting days are done — well-done.

A groundhog can't forecast the arrival of Spring any more than I can, but every Feb. 2, people continue to rely on the furry pest to deliver the news about the demise to winter.

Some farmers have been known to plan their yearly crops around the whimsy of this timid member of the squirrel family; they forget that the groundhog is a burrowing vermin which plays havoc with their fields, and on Feb. 2, all is forgiven, and the oracle of the tunnelling world is suddenly a respectable member of the animal kingdom.

In the early 1800s, around the village of Quarryville, Pa., a group known as the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge would find a groundhog burrow on Feb. 2 and wait for the animal to emerge. If he saw his shadow, the news was bad — six more weeks of winter. After witnessing the groundhog's actions, the group went back to town and reported their findings. Twenty years of trying produced only eight successful prognostications.

Groundhogs, therefore, are not the weather wizards that most people assume they are; however, you can eat them.

There was a time when food didn't come in a shopping bag. Before the microwave, the refrigerator and freezer, all game was fair game when it came to feeding the family. The membership of the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge would have thought nothing of shooting their woodland Nostradamus the moment its prediction was delivered.

Groundhogs have changed very little over the last 200 years, but the North American diet has undergone a major transformation. Most people would shudder

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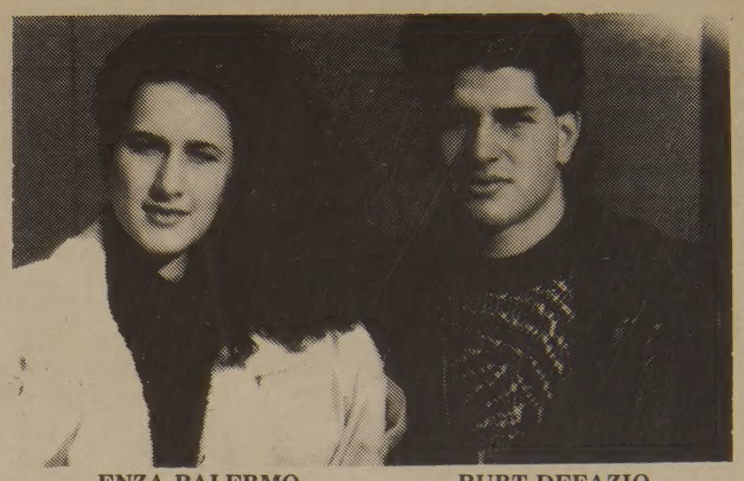

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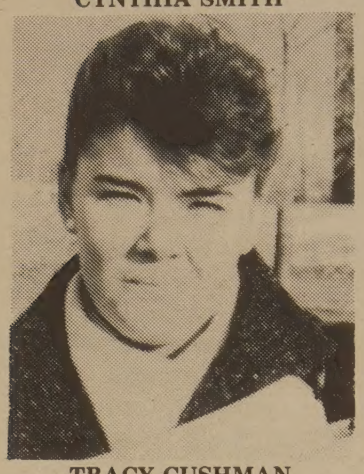

TRACY CUSHMAN

Roving Reporter

Do you think there should be a health nurse available on all campuses?

Sean Clout, first-year electrical engineering technology: "Yes, there should be a nurse fulltime; if not, then half the week." He wants a nurse on campus in case students have medical problems.

Enza Palermo, first-year dental assistant: A nurse isn't necessary every day, but "a counsellor is necessary every day." Her friend, **Burt Defazio, a McMaster medical undergrad,** said a nurse or doctor should be available.

Peter Harris, cook's apprenticeship, basic: "Yes, there should be a nurse." Peter, who attended the campus at a time when there was a nurse, said, "Someone told me there was no nurse, and I didn't believe him." He said there have been times when some of the students could have used a nurse.

Diana Perez, English as a second language, thought the campus had a nurse. She said that, in the event of an accident, "it would be nice to know that there was someone in the building to help me." Diana said sometimes the students have problems, and having a nurse at the campus would be a good idea."

First-year students Marija Balint, Tanya Cehanczuk and Pam Pizzicarolo agree a nurse is not always necessary. 'Why do we need a nurse if we have people who take ambulance and emergency care, and people learning first-aid?"

Tracy Cushman, first-year general college: "A nurse is needed in case something happens."

Rick Langlois, food preparation, said, "Definitely!" He held up his thumb. "I got cut at school yesterday in the kitchen. I was cutting frozen bread." He said there were no Band-aids in the safety kit, and "I had to go borrow a Band-aid from one of the Versa Food girls." Rick said he had to wait for six hours before he could go to the hospital. "They couldn't stitch it: the whole end of the thumb was off. People are always cutting themselves."

Celine Foster, second-year "submaker" is employed at the main cafeteria: she wants a nurse or doctor available "in case someone burns themself or slices off a finger on the meat slicer."

Cynthia Smith, first-year human relations, wants a nurse to be available for emergencies. "They're more qualified than an instructor in an emergency situation. I trust the nurse's opinion because of her training."

Darren Lampman, first-year computer engineering technology: A nurse should be available, "in case of accidents, like falling down a set of stairs." He said a nurse is needed to discuss any medical problems.

Kyoudo Ja Chrysler, biology, said there should be someone who knows enough to help in an emergency. She cited an instance at the campus where the staff was powerless to do anything. "They had to call the hospital emergency for assistance. The technical tools and heavy machinery make me feel that this campus probably needs a nurse more than any of them."

Darrell Hill, computer numerical control, said there should be a full-time nurse at the St. Catharines campus. "We have a machine shop and a kitchen, and this means there is a higher risk of injury." He said students at the St. Catharines campus can't even get an aspirin: "The school won't dispense drugs without a nurse." The nurse used to do a lot of counselling, "but now there's nobody. They could have made a the cut somewhere else, instead of taking away our nurse."

SEAN CLOUT

French bursaries available

Opportunity is knocking for students wishing to learn French as a second language.

Application forms for bursaries are available in the French Language Services office, M7. The bursaries will be granted to students to enrol in six-week immersion courses at various institutions across Canada.

The aim of the program is providing students opportunity to learn the second official language and improve their knowledge of French.

The bursaries will defray the cost of tuition, instructional materials, and room and board, but will not cover personal costs. The bursary is paid directly to the institution on behalf of the student, not directly to the student.

Most students choose to stay in private homes chosen by the institution because of proximity.

The deadline for application is Feb. 17, but since the bursaries are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, students are encouraged to apply immediately.

Vision 2000 plants seed

A look into the future to colleges in the year 2,000 will be included in a presentation by Vision 2,000 representatives at the next College Council meeting Feb. 14.

"They're going to basically plant the seed," George Repar,director of planning and development and co-ordinator of Vision 2,000 at Niagara, said.

The representatives are Terry Dance, Vision 2,000 co-ordinator from the Council of Regents, the governing body of the colleges; Garth Jackson, vice-president of academic seat George Brown College, Toronto; and Fran Lacey, registrar of Algonquin College, Ottawa.

Vision 2,000 is a province-wide review of the college system launched by Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

From Page One

Don't let legend get you in a stew

at the thought of sitting down to a groundhog stew, but there is still an adventurous breed who can envisage a meal with some type of exotic game as the entree.

References and recipes for the preparation of groundhog as well as muskrat, armadillo, opossum, porcupine and squirrel can still be found in most American-style cookbooks. To the less conservative diner, the world of game offers a refreshing alternative to beef, pork, chicken and an occasional fish.

So, what do you do if a groundhog turns up at your door field-dressed and ready for dinner?

First, ask when the quarry was taken. A groundhog should hang for 48 hours before it's ready for the kitchen. This will help to tenderize the meat as well as add to the overall taste. Next, seven to nine glands under the forelegs need to be removed. Once these small, kernel-shaped glands have been removed from the carcass, the beast must be soaked in a salt-bath overnight in the refrigerator.

Allowances for the age of the groundhog must be considered when deciding on the most suitable way to prepare it: young animals can be roasted, but an older one is best done in the stew pot.

Another important point when preparing small game is this: game should only be eaten when it is well done. Wild animals are known to carry such viruses as tuleremia and trichinosis. It's a good idea to wear gloves when handling the carcass before it's cooked, and to use a meat thermometer when cooking. The risk of viral infection will not be eliminated until the internal temperature of the meat has reached more than 140 degrees Fahrenheit on the meat thermometer.

Groundhog lends itself to any recipe for rabbit or chicken.

Farmers, scientists and weather stations can attach whatever significance they please to the correlations they make between the groundhog and the rites of Spring.

However, if you sat in front of a burrow yesterday, but found no groundhog; then you may have picked the burrow I visited. It's been vacant for three days. I'm sorry you missed its forecast, but if you look in my fridge, you may still be able to get a sandwich from it.

HUMBER INTRODUCES

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Student Centre

Latest revisions spell hefty bill for students

Students will have to fork out about $600,000 to $700,000 for Niagara's proposed Student Centre unless the administration's hope to match SAC's $200,000 contribution, becomes more than a "possibility."

After last week's meeting with the architect, Bette Ferguson, director of student services and chairperson of the Student Centre Steering Committee, estimated an $800,000 to $900,000 ceiling to be spent on the 7,000 to 8,000 square foot (at $90 per foot) first phase of the centre. She said SAC has about $200,000 saved for the project and although there is a "possibility" the college will contribute "something," approval of the proposal by the Board of Governors would have come "with the understanding that the balance ($6,000,000 to $7,000,000) would be paid by a $20 student activity fee levy."

Randy Conlon, Student Administrative Council president, said besides SAC's kitty, and the probable student activity levy, he was told, "The college hopes to match whatever SAC puts into it."

The original plans — comprising a 400 capacity pub with a retractable wall, SAC offices, pool tables, video games, a lounge area, general store, storage space and maintenance rooms — were "too ambitious at this time," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services and member of the Committee, said, "We suggested some areas could be removed, reduced or otherwise put on hold." Each space was looked at.

Phase one takes advantage of "money-making schemes," that could possibly help to finance phase two a few years down the road.

The former plans carried a cost of $1.6 million, the "scaled down" version, phase one, contains the "basic stuff" from the original plans for the centre. This includes pub/lounge area with a capacity for about 250, a service/bar area, a small kitchen with "light snack-type foods," storage and washroom areas.

Mrs. Ferguson said the second phase — an expansion of the free-standing structure: having space for leasing, possibly a bank, a student-run general store, meeting rooms, SAC offices, a loading dock and receiving area, washrooms with handicap facilities and an entry hall foyer — would be "nice to have" and would be added when it was "financially viable."

Mr. Spittle stressed the importance of having an "aesthetically appropriate" student centre. "You don't want it to be something you get derisive comments on." It should be something students are proud of.

Although the centre is still "very much in the planning stage," Mrs. Ferguson said the committee is hoping that by next week, the architect will have new prices and maybe "a bit of a preliminary floor plan."

She said the committee wants to "get going with it as soon as possible," adding, "The longer it is put off, the more costly things get." The committee is "aiming" to present the student centre proposal to the Board of Governors in March.

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Second place scavengers

A live rooster and a real estate sign were just a couple of the items claimed at Wintercourse's Scavenger Hunt. Team two, comprising, in back row, John Sharp and Brian McQuillen and lower left, Nancy Berman, and Coreen Drenth, all first-year Business Administration students. John and Brian reigned victorious in SAC's last scavenger hunt. Even with all their items, the team only managed to total 1,049 points, 99 shy of first place.
Photo by Elaine Wilson

SAC executives deny criticisms

Members of SAC, criticized by Randy Conlon, SAC president, last week for lack of their effort, said they are living up to their responsibilities.

"I pull my own weight," Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, said in an interview. "I'm here for the students; but I am here for school too. Randy is not here for school; he is here to be the president of SAC."

week, Randy said he considered handing in his resignation because of SAC apathy surrounding Wintercourse. He centred out Chris Naughton, vice-president of finance; Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics; Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs; and Mike Ferreri, student representative, saying "they haven't done anything."

LEFT OUT

Julie said she is being left out of the SAC decision-making process and Randy has taken over.

"They (Randy and Felix Lostracco, outgoing social convener) do the things they want to do and expect the rest of us to jump. I have to admit that school is a higher priority than SAC. This is why I ran for the position I did; there is not as much responsibility."

She admits Randy works hard for SAC but said that some of the work Randy does is his own fault for not replacing Margaret Birney, vice-president of internal affairs, who resigned in the fall.

"The whole problem goes back to not replacing the VP internal," she said of Randy's frustration at having to do too much of the SAC work. "She would have taken care of a lot of the administration problems Randy is having now."

PROBLEM

Furthermore, Julie said, there may be a communication problem between her, some other members of SAC and Randy.

"I can't talk to him," she said with a tear in her eye. "He takes everything personally and flips out."

Peter Ruggerio, vice-president of external affairs, labelled as lazy by Randy in his outburst, admitted he could have done more to help. However, he criticized Randy for his handling of this SAC crisis.

"I didn't really know there was a problem until I saw it in the paper," Peter said. "Why not talk to us on a one-to-one basis?"

He said much of the work in getting the word out to students was unnecessary.

WASTE OF PAPER

"Advertising for Wintercourse is beginning to look like information overload," he said. "If a student doesn't know by now, he is deaf, dumb, blind and stupid. I am getting flak about the waste of money and paper."

He said it is not practical to arrange it so every SAC member does the same amount of work on every SAC event.

"Look, nobody helped me on recycling," Pete said of his project to begin a Blue Box Recycling Program at Niagara.

NASA stays on committee

It is important to "work from within, not from without," Foster Zanutto, president of the administrative staff association, said Monday.

Commenting on the faculty withdrawal from the Budget Planning Committee, he said, "I don't think anything is accomplished by resigning from a discussion; it is important to work from within, not from without."

"It's unfortunate that the faculty representatives have taken these steps...I hope that they will reconsider their decision," Mr. Zanutto said, "The college needs input from all sources to help solve our financial dilemma."

The three faculty representatives on the Budget Planning Committee withdrew from the committee — on the advice of the Local Executive Committee — charging that the administration wanted only "token involvement" and was "ignoring" the representatives' advice, Barry Sharpe, vice-president of the LEC, said.

The two support staff representatives were replaced by union executives in case the final budget brought "repercussions," that should be dealt with by the president and not volunteers, Meg Rose, president of the support staff union, said.

College residence competitive edge

A residence would give Niagara a "competitive advantage" over other colleges without one, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said Wednesday.

Interviews with a sampling of students suggested that, if given the choice of two similar programs at a college with a residence, or one without, students will choose the first, Mr. van der Slagt said.

The interviews were conducted by a company hired to do a feasibility study on the possibility of a student residence for Niagara. The study will determine the size needed; the type of set-up required; individual rooms or apartments; cost and pricing suggested.

"It would be an important asset to the college in the future," Mr. van der Slagt said. "Our intent is to act as quickly as we can," before the college is forced into building "to remain in the market."

With the Ministry of Colleges and Universities' recent announcement to allow southern colleges to construct residences, he said, "There isn't enough money to fund all the residences that all the colleges might want to build."

Although Niagara is eligible to apply for a loan through the new guidelines, they must still "persuade" the ministry to fund it.

"It's not entirely within our control. Agencies outside the college will determine when funds will be available."

Results from the feasibility study should be available by the end of February.

$31,000 savings

The college has leased a new mainframe computer which should save $31,000 in maintenance costs.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said the old computer — that handled registration, financial packages, timetables and some academic functions — on a lease-to-own plan was costing the college $31,000 a year in maintenance costs.

The new computer is an "ongoing lease" that is similar in capacity to the previous one but more updated.

Editorials

Benefits worth cost

Let's go with rec centre

Niagara College students may have the opportunity to enjoy a recreational centre if funding can be made available.

A recreational centre would be one of the best ideas to bring students together to take part in activities — especially Student Administrative Council activities. Perhaps, if the activities were located on the Welland Campus, students would participate.

Plans in progress for the centre include a bar, a small kitchen to provide snacking foods such as onion rings or chicken wings, video games, and comfortable places to relax.

The college would become more attractive visually and be more attractive to graduating high school students. The manager of the Mohawk College student recreation centre said students having the choice of two different colleges with the same programs would make their decision by looking at the social activities available.

It is important that Niagara compete with other community colleges so that its enrolment can increase.

Recreational centres serve as a source of income — something every college can use through pubs, entertainment, and snacking foods.

Instead of "hanging out" in the halls around the college, students would find the lounge in the recreational centre a comfortable place to study with friends.

Clearly, the need for a recreational centre is apparent.

Julie Slack

Randy, do not resign

SAC 'fine and energetic'

This is the time of year when most things invariably become tedious. Call it the mid-winter blues. It is the reason Canadians have invented the great Florida getaway. Face it, nobody is in a good mood.

The Student Administrative Council is not immune to this malaise. In fact, having the added responsibility of trying to inject some life into these dismal halls, it is probably more susceptible to it than most mere mortals.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, had the urge last week to follow the lead of his friend and former social convener, Felix Lostracco, and resign.

In four words. **Do not do it** — and that goes for any other members of SAC who may be considering walking the plank. You have done a fine and energetic job. The trips and the David Wilcox concert have been as successful as any events in the history of Niagara College. The Sno King and Queen pageant is an event anyone who attended will never be able to forget — try as we might. Remember, spring is around the corner, and the outlook will improve. Anyone who cares about the college and takes the time to participate can only applaud your work. Your presence and fortitude would be dearly missed.

William Sawchuk

Bullpit

College, university fun gap needs drastic narrowing

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

A funny thing happened on the way from university to college: I discovered college isn't university — at least when it comes to student involvement in college activities.

At university there is more student involvement, which makes it a more attractive institution for potential students.

There is more to attending an academic institution than the academics; one must be able to have fun besides.

At Niagara College there are few places to have fun or meet people, which is due to poor facilities and a resigned, apathetic mindset.

At the university I attended, besides their non-academic student facilities being bigger and better than Niagara's, they have a fun dance pub — The Turret, which takes up the top floor of the Student Union Building.

The Turret is not like any pub; it is a place where you know you're going to meet a friend or acquaintance.

For Niagara students, a Gilligan's or an Aqua Duck does not fulfil the role of a student pub, because at a student pub, you congregate with other students.

The university has a comfortable sit-down pub, non-alcoholic and TV lounges, information booth and games room.

Niagara, like all colleges, is slowly losing its "community" designation because more students are leaving home to attend colleges outside their area.

Those students need some form of nightly entertainment at Niagara; without it, it is difficult to unwind at the end of a long, hard school day.

Many students have told me that after their time at Niagara they're going to university, not so much to get a more valuable education, but to live it up a little bit.

There's nothing wrong with having fun, but why can't we have more fun at Niagara?

More students should support Randy Conlon, SAC president, in his bid to get a Student Centre built here, if not for us, then for future Niagara students.

If anyone cares about this place, they would want to keep the students happy.

So let's shuck off our apathetic mentality, and have fun at the institution we attend.

Ford says farewell, Heelis new chairman

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

It was Bill Ford's "swan song" after six "interesting" years on the Board of Governors when he handed over as chairman to William Heelis Jan. 26.

And the song he sang was a paean of praise: for internal members of rhe board, for Mary Ann Seppala, Jacqueline Robarts, Mary Hornak, and the media.

"I enjoyed my six years on the board and meeting the various members of the college community. I'm impressed with their dedication for the welfare of Niagara College."

Mr. Ford congratulated all the internal members for what "at the outset, was not an enviable position," citing, to their credit, there was "never any holdover of acrimony."

WARM COMMENDATION

Mrs. Seppala was warmly commended for her "large" part in the Foundation for the Tourism and Hospitality Centre; his "best" executive secretary, Miss Hornak was commended for her work.

Mr. Ford marvelled at the "courage and dedication" of Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

He also thanked the media for the "excellent" job they do reporting the proceedings.

After officially exchanging seats with Mr. Heelis, a lawyer, a relaxed Mr. Ford sparked laughter as he speckled a slide presentation, given by Bea Clark and Ed Wilson, with humorous anecdotes from their recent visit to China.

Speaking of the scarcity of pets in China, he said, "All the time we or dogs." They later discovered the reason — they passed a store front that featured "a dog on a platter, roasting." His wife, Edith, marked the incident when, on their return to Canada, she bought Patti Page's rendition of How Much is that Dog in the Window?

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FOCUS

Athletic scholarships

Academic and sports excellence

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

Excellence in sport and academic achievement earned four Niagara students $300 scholarships each from the Student Administrative Council it was announced this morning at a press conference.

Sharon Grenier, Leah Kulas, Rene Lanoix, and Mike Martineau received the award first presented by SAC last year. Criteria were based equally on athletics and academics by a point-rating system submitted by Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics; Fred Bassi, Judy Halaiko and Ray Sarkis, coaches and Brian Green, academic scrutineer.

"All the kids have an 80 plus academic score, which is nice to see because all too often you hear about the dumb jock," Mr. Rylander told the Niagara News.

"They put in a lot of hours for sports and yet they keep up their marks," Julie Boone, SAC vice-president of athletics, said. "The whole idea is for them to get the money during the school year to help them out. It's an incentive."

Funding for the scholarships came from money generated by the dome hockey machine in the cafeteria, then divided into scholarships at the discretion of Mr. Rylander.

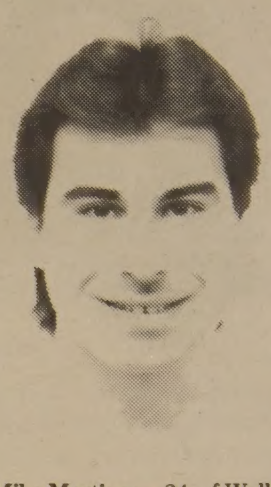
Leah Kulas, 19, centre blocker/attacker on the varsity volleyball team, is originally from Wingham. She is a first-year Law and Security student who has already had an interview with the OPP, her career goal. Her academic average is 83 per cent.

An avid athlete, Leah has always been and always will be active in sports. "I live for sports. I play five sports a year — hockey, volleyball, basketball, baseball and badminton." Leah is also a member of Niagara's badminton team.

She enjoys competition and respects the volleyball team spirit. "Everybody has a certain amount of talent — no one person ever has a lot of pressure on them. That's why we do well."

Sharon Grenier, 21, of Welland in her third year of Information Systems, has maintained an 84 per cent average and has been an outstanding setter and hitter on the varsity volleyball team. She injured both ankles this season but wasn't weak in the knees when it came to peak performances on the court. Coach Judy Halaiko said, "Sharon is a well-rounded player with excellent skills, a real team person who shows leadership and keeps the team going."

Sharon said there is a lot of talent on the team "which makes it easier for me to look so good." In this, her first year on the team, she is impressed with the high calibre of play on a team that has definite first place potential.

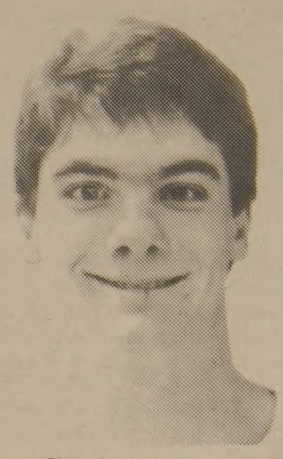


Mike Martineau, 24, of Welland, assistant captain on the Niagara Knights hockey team, is a solid defenceman not afraid to move up and do forward work on the ice or behind the desk. With an 82 per cent average in construction engineering technology, Mike said he set goals for himself.

"I'm proud to be contributing to the school athletically and academically. I'm proud of myself for winning the scholarship."

Mr. Bassi said, "It's Mike's second year on the team and he's a real team player. He leads by example, he's dedicated, he works hard."

Mike likes to win and if he thinks anything is within his reach he'll go for it, he said.



Rene Lanoix, 21, has worked hard to maintain a 90 average and takes part in tennis, curling and volleyball. The construction engineering student would like to play those sports and more but finds conflicts with tournament timing.

"Sports help me with school work — just school is not enough, I need something else," Rene said. "After school is over, there will probably be no volleyball. I'll probably join a men's hockey league."

Rene comes to Niagara from Hearst, in northern Ontario, but isn't fond of the cold and snow.

His future plans — "I want to be rich and have lots of real estate.

Volleyball coach Ray Sarkis said, "Rene is very reliable, a hard worker. He runs our offence."

Niagara News survey

Seven colleges provide nursing professionals

At least seven colleges in the province provide the services of a nursing professional at their health centres.

In a survey by the Niagara News, seven of Ontario's 22 community colleges were asked about their health services. In every case, a full or part-time nurse was employed by the college.

In most of the colleges, funding for health care is provided through the college; others receive funds through the students' fees. Still others get money from the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), returned to the college from money their doctors receive.

Niagara is without a full or part-time nurse and counts on its doctors, who receive patients for about six hours a week, to pay a receptionist's salary and provide medical supplies.

Nurses at the other colleges attend to personal and emotional counselling, first aid, instruction on birth control, minor medical emergencies, and in some cases, major emergencies.

About 11 colleges were contacted at random; only six responded to the Niagara News.

A response from Mohawk College in Hamilton ran in last week's issue of Niagara News. It has a complete clinic with doctors and nurses.

Cambrian

The health centre sees "anywhere from 40 to 60 students" each day, a nurse at Cambrian College said.

In a telephone interview, Julie Menard, health nurse, said the health service is steadily busy and serviced by part-time doctors and full-time nurses.

"We have two full-time nurses at our Sudbury campus and a total of three part-time nurses."

She said she thought the college provided full funding for the centre.

"As far as I know, it's funded by the college; student fees aren't a part of the funding,"

The centre is open from Mondays to Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.; on Fridays, students and faculty can drop in for appointments at 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Canadore

The Health Centre at Canadore College in North Bay is funded partially by the college and the local university.

Joan Richardson, secretary at the health centre, said the clinic receives money from the college's budget and from Nipissing University.

"It's a joint effort," she said. "They each pay a share."

She said the centre is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., staffed by two full-time nurses.

"Three doctors come in during the week; they see patients on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m."

She said the centre sees about 350 per week.

"We have a fair number of epileptics at the college; the nurses also treat the basic injuries."

Conestoga

The Doon campus at Conestoga College in Kitchener has "first aiders" on duty during the evenings when the student Health Services are closed.

Marylin Fisher, senior nurse, said continuing education people are trained in first aid when nurses are not available.

She said that Doon, with the college's three other campuses in Waterloo, Stratford and Guelph, are staffed with nurses.

"There is a nurse at two of the campuses," she said. "They are available for 35 to 37.5 hours each week. At our Waterloo campus, a nurse is available for four hours a week, and, at the Stratford campus, a nurse is there for 15 hours each month."

She said doctors visit the health facility two mornings each week, for five hours.

Georgian

A percentage of the doctors' OHIP fees go into funding the health clinic, according to the secretary to the manager of Student Services at Georgian College.

Linda Zariwny said the college provides the balance of the funding for the Health Centre at the Barrie college, which has about 2,000 students enrolled.

"All the supplies at the centre are paid for by the college," she said.

The service employs one full-time nurse and two part-time doctors who see an average of 400 students and faculty each month. The doctors usually see 20 patients a day.

Mrs. Zariwny said in September, 75 staff members and 431 students visited the centre with only 105 needing to see a doctor; the rest were treated by the staff nurses.

She said the college provides for a full-time nurse and a family planning nurse who visit the Orillia campus weekly.

Humber

Humber College copes without a full-time doctor, but compensates with two part-time nurses.

Mary Carr, nurse at Humber College's Health Centre, said a doctor visits the Rexdale campus three-and-a-half days each week.

"We have two nurses, both employed as part-timers," she said. "One works full-time hours and the other, four days a week."

Mrs. Carr said the college pays for the health facility, supplies and salaries, but "was not sure if the students' activity fees contribute" to the funding.

More than 50 students and faculty use the service, open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. About 8,000 students attend the college.

Northern

It is the first year for a health service centre at Northern College.

The campus, in South Porcupine, Ont., has employed one part-time nurse at the facility, who is pushing for more health care.

"We're just setting up this year," Irene Gagnon, campus health nurse, said. "We're trying to attain a physician but it's been difficult; it's a new service and doctors just don't understand it (how it will work) yet."

The service, funded through Student Services, sees about 50 patients a week. Many of them, are attending school through the Workers Compensation Board; Mrs. Gagnon said they pose a problem for the Health Centre.

"A high percentage of those students, a very high percentage, are over 30 years old. They are at high risk to heart disease and a lot are chronic back sufferers."

She said she sees a need for a full-time nurse at her campus and is "hoping for a change" in the scheme of health centre politics.

"I think we could work better on our own, under administration."

Mrs. Gagnon said the centre is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily; no doctors visit the campus.

Niagara crowns Wintercourse '89 Sno royalty

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College has royalty in its midst, for last Monday, a Sno Queen and King were crowned at the Wintercourse Kick-off pub.

Tracy Schilz, a general college student, and Eric Beyer, second-year journalism student, were the regal winners, beating out worthy competition from all corners of the college.

The contest seemed as if it were in jeopardy as only two competitiors had signed up. At the Pub at Gilligan's a few arms were twisted, and possibly a few minds as well, as four more contestants were persuaded to join at the last minute.

The contest, sponsored by the Student Administrative Council, showed minimal support from the student body; only about 45 people attend the gala. But the lack of bodies did not affect the enthusiasm of the crowd when the show began.

TRACY SCHILZ ERIC BEYER

STARTS SHOW

Host Randy Conlon, SAC president, kicked off the show with the men's competition, pitting Eric against David "Freddie" Mio, first-year law and security student; Rob Burkart, business accounting, and Jack – wishing to withhold his surname, obviously to protect family honor.

The first part of the competition was the talent contest. Freddie entered the arena, donning cartooned boxer shorts, suspenders, and garters, and recited a poetic passage from Faust (Part One). His words were awe-inspiring to say the least.

Eric shows his athletic prowess when he displayed his talent; promising five clapping push-ups, Eric became caught up in the passion of the moment, unable to stop himself, seemingly about to break when hitting 17, but able to pull himself together before finally collapsing at 21.

Rob performed a back flip and a handstand, while Jack did what he claims he does best – he dropped his drawers.

In the women's competition, Carmelita, wearing a tasteful red mini-dress with drop shoulders, illustrated her intellectual powers while rhyming off – with little hesitation – all 10 provinces and their capitals! She didn't even stumble when attempting Newfoundland's capital St. John (no s).

I'M UGLY

Tracy, draped in a lavish blue plaid bathrobe, strutted about the dance floor before disrobing (no pun intended) to expose the crowd to her lovely pyjamas bearing the words "I'm Ugly." She delighted the audience with her talent – beer chugging.

All contestants were required to answer skill testing questions; all were asked why they wished to be Sno King. Freddie said he was involved because he needed the $50 prize to pay his rent; Jack announced it was his first step to the top.

Eric, however, cinched the competition with his incredibly thoughtful answers. Asked why he wanted to be Sno King, he said, "I was bowled over by the idealism of the position."

ADMIRABLE

Another question to Eric asked, "If you had a direct line to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbechev, what would you tell him?"

"I would tell him his peace initiative was very admirable," Eric, always conscious of world peace efforts, said.

In the women's division, there was a close race when it came down to the question period.

Carmelita was inspirational when she spouted that if she could be any animal, she would be a cat. Her reasons? Why because her favorite color is blue, of course!

When Tracy was asked why she wanted to be Sno Queen, she boldly said, "Because someone ugly should win."

First lady-in-waiting in the Sno Queen contest was Carmelita, while Jack was the men's runner up.

As always, if the winners are not able to fulfil their duties as Sno royalty, the first runners up will assume the duties.

Oh, if only Bert Parks was there!

Cochrane to play Feb. 8

Tom Cochrane, Canadian songwriter and Juno award nominee, will rock the Niagara College cafeteria in an event sponsored by the Student Administrative Council.

Tickets at $12 advance or $15 at the door are available in the SAC office for the 8 p.m. show.

Messenjah *Pub audience 'be jammin'' to Canada's best reggae sound*

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

The most talented, most professional, smoothest, coollest band to appear at a Niagara College pub this school year played to a pathetically small percentage of the Niagara College population. Where were you guys?

When Messenjah played the Diamond Club in Toronto Tuesday night, 900 people went nuts and 200 people were turned away at the door. Those 200 should have made the drive over here on Wednesday for the Sno splash pub and gone nuts with the 120 people who came out to dance, party, jam and jump in reggae.

Messenjah, an energetic six-piece band, is Canada's "longest running, best-known and most celebrated reggae outfit," according to Greg Quill, Toronto Star music reviewer. Juno and Casby award nominees and winners of Reggae, U-Know, Black, and Toronto Music Awards, Messenjah has earned national recognition for their dynamic sound. Their guest appearance in the movie Cocktail was a big step onto the international scene.

It has been a difficult climb to be billed as a reggae band not from Jamaica. Messenjah started up in Kitchener before basing itself in Toronto, and has sizzled audiences for the last eight years.

"They are one of the top five summer draws at Ontario Place Forum," Mr. Quill said. But Canadian audiences "barely tolerate anything musical that isn't white, cute and has built-in mass appeal."

Messenjah rocked the cafeteria Wednesday night at the Wintercourse Sno-splash. A sizzling show band with solid musicianship, Messenjah was the best pub of the year but had the smallest attendance. Here, relaxing after the hot two-hour concert are, standing, Eric "Babyface" Walsh, Crash Morgan, Hal "Saint" Duggan. Seated are Haile Yates, Rupert "Ojiji" Harvey, the band's founder, and Charles "Tower" Sinclair. Nominated for countless Canadian and International awards, Messenjah also made a cameo appearance in last summer's Tom Cruise movie, Cocktail, filmed in Toronto. If they could get more Canadian radio air time, more people would certainly turn out to college pubs — if indeed they still had time to entertain such small gigs. Photo by Shelley Moore

The appreciative, albeit small, audience at the Wintercourse pub represented that minority of musical aficionados. Only a handful of people at any given time could stay seated — it was a must to get up and get down! For each of the two one-hour sets, the dance floor was hoppin'.

"There aren't too many people here tonight, but you got some energy, so that's great! Give yourself a hand!" Ojiji Harvey, lead guitar, lead vocals, told an eager crowd.

The Black Walnut building became a Jamaican beach-party bar for two hours. Jumps and hops on the downbeat were led by the solid, steady combination of bass, congas and a three-tiered keyboard.

> "Down in Jamaica
> where the rasta man come
> from
> we'll be singin' lotsa songs
> all day
> all night long..."

Red-framed rasta man "Saint" Duggan maintained dance fever with his moves and lead Ojiji let his waist-long dreads down during their big hit, Crazy. All six members of Messenjah conveyed a tight mix of talent in their dynamic performance. They were the best. They ended the night with Jam Session — which is what the combination music, lyrics, and dance became by midnight. They absolutely sizzled the enthusiastic Sno splash crowd. Too bad not more than three per cent of the student body were there to go nuts for this, one of Canada's greatest bands.

Tom Cochrane will perform in the cafeteria next Wednesday. Anybody interested? He's one of Canada's greatest, too.

Rory MacKenzie drops a putt, while Kirk MacDonald guards the pin, at the Monkey Golf Tournament held at St. David's Golf Course as part of SAC's Wintercourse '89. The tournament's only rules dictated that players could only bring along two clubs for the nine-hole round; all players chose a seven iron for fairway and chip shots, and a driver, to blast off the tee and putt. Photo by Elaine Wilson

Golfers take to sun for season's 1st game

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

While most of Alaska was unsuccessfully trying to keep warm with temperatures dipping to the minus 80-degree mark, a foursome of Niagara students took to the fresh outdoors on Tuesday to hit the links.

As part of Wintercourse '89, the foursome headed to St. David's Golf Course for the Monkey Golf Tornament, ringing in the golf season, teasing their egos with thoughts of golf grandeur. But most dreams of excellence were shattered when the score cards were tallied.

Felix Lostracco's last official act as social convener was carried out at the course, finishing his nine-hole round with a blistering 60. The task was admirable considering the rules of the tournament; players were only allowed to bring two clubs.

OUTSTANDING

Joining Felix in the swing-fest were organizer Elaine Wilson, student representative; Rory MacKenzie, student representative, and Kirk MacDonald, former Niagara student and last year's vice-president of athletics. The foursome played some outstanding golf — a few were out standing on the fairway, while Felix was out standing in the water hazards.

Weather conditions were perfect for the match; the sun peeked through the clouds for the early part of the afternoon, but the wind was brutal, pushing balls out of bounds and golfers off the tee as they began their back swings.

The wind proved hazardous to Felix on the first green, as a tree branch, broken by the force of the wind, fell to his feet just as he was about to putt, ultimately throwing off his game. He was in trouble again on the fourth hole, a long, sharp dog leg to the right, when his ball fell into the drink. The experience rattled Felix once again, forced to take 11 on the hole.

IN DIRE STRAITS

Rory found himself in dire straits on the same hole, taking a nine. After laying up behind a tree, Rory swung at his ball, beaning it off the trunk. He lost it in the sky, but soon found it at his feet, inches away from its original spot, as it fell again from the tree. He got on his game later cannoning more than 200-yard drives, long enough to win the longest drive and closest to the hole competition.

Kirk took top honors at the tourney with an honest round of 50, showing deadly accuracy putting with his driver.

Elaine took her Spalding Rebel 4 ball to the ladies' title, dominating the field of one. Her round of 57 did not properly reflect her golfing expertise, as she was playing from the men's tees AND using men's clubs, a feat truly admirable for the selfless, martyr-like competitor — but it was enough to tie Rory.

The tourney was successful in the eyes of the participants who are looking forward to the summer golf season. If they continue to play as they did in the tournament, they'll be chewing up golf courses in no time.

Theatre's Crucible plays Feb. 17

The fear and frenzy of a terrified society will be explored in the Niagara College Theatre Centre's production of The Crucible, Arthur Miller's dark and intense play about the Salem witchhunts in the 17th Century.

A preview performance will take place at the Shaw Fesitval Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. The productin will then run from Feb. 21 to Feb. 24 at the Brock Centre for the Arts.

Trumped-up champs

Winterfest's Euchre champions John Theo, and "Pops" were victorious in the cafeteria on Tuesday's lunch and are shown receiving Wintercourse sweatshirts from SAC's executive vice-president Annarita Scremin. Photo by Randy Conlon

Socks, hair cut lead team to win

If anyone has lost a rooster, their dentures, a licence plate, or a lawn jockey, chances are the items turned up at the Wintercourse '89 Scavenger Hunt.

Team 3, including Darren Newbold, Shelley Reid, Dave "Freddie" Mio, and Rob "Tony" Burkart, took top honors, squeaking by Team 2 — Brian McQuillen, John Sharp, Nancy Berman, and Coreen Drenth — by a mere 99 points.

The winning team, with a total 1,148 points out of a possible 1,925 for 105 required items, managed to gather a DeFranco Family album, executive dean Fred Habermehl's socks, a cabbage roll, a haircut, an American $2 bill, and a highway line, among other things, for the win.

Team 2 which included two victors from the last scavenger hunt, was able to find a live rooster, a hamster, a Niagara Street road sign, a dog team, and a full bottle of Northern Ale to take second place with 1,049 points.

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NAME THE CENTRE CONTEST

This summer, Niagara College will open a new $6 million Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre in Niagara Falls. The 50,000 square-foot building on Dunn Street will house tourism, hospitality, hotel and restaurant administration, culinary skills, cook apprenticeship and other programs. This new building will replace our existing **Rainbow Hotel Centre.**

Now we need a name for the centre! Get your creative juices flowing and enter this **"Name The Centre"** contest. You could win dinner for two at the Rainbow Centre, and have the honour of your suggestion becoming the name of the new centre.

The name selected should be reflective of what is being offered at the Centre. Board policy recommends the use of historical names for buildings when appropriate, but doesn't allow the naming of buildings after individuals who have been associated with the College.

ENTRY FORM - *NAME THE CENTRE CONTEST*

(Contest open only to Niagara College Students and Staff)

My suggestion for the name of the new centre is: _____

My name is: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Phone:** _____

Drop your entry off at the Marketing and Information Services Office, second level of the Learning Resource Centre, Welland. Contest closes 1989 02 28. The President's Operating Committee will choose 3 winners, each of which will win a dinner for two. The three chosen names will then be submitted to the Board of Governors for selection of one name.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to not award a final winner; the prizes mentioned, however, will be granted to the three finalists.

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From Hort Centre

Program takes wide overview, no bed of roses for students

Taking horticulture at Niagara College is no bed of roses. "It's hectic as all hell," Marjie Andrews, second-year horticulture student, said.

She remembers the first meeting the students had with Peter Mansfield, horticulture coordinator. "He told us that if you think this course is strictly flowers and thinking pretty flowers then I suggest you get out now," she said.

The program at the centre in St. Catharines takes a wide view of the subject and diverse subjects like botany, soils and ornamental plants are taught, Marjie said. Students must take basics like English and math.

"First year is rough," Marjie said. When first-year student Ernie Richardson started the program he thought the course would be fair but "the first semester was a bit tough." He has had to work harder because his last year of high school "was just playing around." He does about 10 hours of homework a week.

Walter Marzek was busy Friday putting Devil's Ivy into eight-inch baskets at the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines. He is a first-year horticulture student who has been interested in plants all his life. Photo by Bernie Puchalski

MANY OPPORTUNITIES

"I first took horticulture in high school and I followed it up with this," Ernie said. He is still unsure what he will do with his diploma. "There are so many opportunities."

"For much of my life I've been interested in working with plants," is first-year student Walter Marzek's reason for pursuing a career in horticulture. "Some of the courses are tough." He does about three hours of homework daily and hopes to be in grounds maintenance when he is finished.

Marjie said everyone is of the same opinion about the course "It's not an easy course."

LOT OF WORK

"I think the course is general in outline and is a general overiew but I don't think the work is general. We work on an awful lot," she said. Marjie went back to school after working for 15 years and will complete the course "hopefully" this spring. The course was rough for her because she is part-time and has a child at home. She works in the library at the centre.

When Marjie goes out into the horticulture industry to work she said employers sometimes refer to the Niagara Parks Commission horticultural program as Niagara's best, but she disagrees. "We learn a lot more than they do and they can't be any better than us."

The horticulture program is hard work but the prospects for jobs are excellent. "More jobs are available today in horticulture than there are persons to fill those jobs," Mr. Mansfield said.

Computers installed

Two computer terminals hooked up to the VAX computer at the Welland campus were installed before Christmas at the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines.

"The computer is an extremely valuable tool in more effectively using our environment," Peter Mansfield, horticulture coordinator, said. "It is very important as it relates to business practices and we're (the industry) moving strongly towards computer inventory control. Many large greenhouses are computer controlled.

FOR THESIS

The computer will be used primarily for the thesis second-year students are required to do, Sharon Broderick, horticulture secretary, said. "A lot of students are still not familiar with how to use it,"she said.

The students are using the Spectrix program for word processing. "Students are making good use of it." Mr. Mansfield said.

The horticulture industry is developing incredibly complex systems for greenhouse and inventory control and "the knowledge of computer techniques is invaluable," he said. Computers are being used in the industry to control variables in the greenhouse like temperature and humidity.

Lethal spray

Controls pesty insect

Without a suit and mask, eyes sting and the taste of chemical is on the tongue. Jim Thomson, horticulture technician in charge of grounds and greenhouses, must wear protective gear to protect him from lethal chemicals.

Mr. Thomson is responsible for spraying all the plants at the Horticulture Centre with pesticides and fungicides. The college provides him with Kasco protective helmets and a suit which protect him from "lethal, very poisonous" chemicals. He has a landclass one, three and six pesticide licence and has been with the college two years in May.

CONTROLS INSECTS

Last Friday Mr. Thomson was spraying plants with a combination of Thiodon and Ambush. The mix is used to control insects, in particular white fly. The fly is a "little insect that sucks juices from plants," and is one of the centre's biggest problems. He sprays regularly for red spider mites and aphids.

Insects are controlled with pesticides but Mr. Thomson sprays fungicides for mildew and soil problems. The use of lethal chemicals is necessary to control problems at the Horticulture Centre but care must be taken during the application. After spraying, greenhouses are posted with signs warning people to stay out.

JIM THOMSON

Thieves steal lights

The theft of two high intensity light units from the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines was neat and carefully planned. The thieves came equipped to steal the lights which were neatly cut out from their electrical connections, Peter Mansfield, horticulture coordinator, said.

The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. "The theft of these units represents a substantial loss to the horticulture centre directly, and indirectly, a loss to the student body in that a valuable teaching and growing aid is no longer available," a letter from Mr. Mansfield to students, said.

The lights are valued at $2,500 and are not covered by insurance because the centre has a $5,000 deductible insurance policy. The lights were lowered out through side vents of the building and the thieves "spirited them out through the park," Mr. Mansfield said.

The lights were used in the greenhouses to accelerate plant growth. Their value is "simply a means of reducing time to produce product," Mr. Mansfield said. The reduction of time allows space at the centre to be better utilized.

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From the Hospitality Centre

The walls are all up and the roof is nearly complete at the new Hospitality Centre on Dunn Street in Niagara Falls. The registrar's office is already accepting applications for all of the courses being offered at the training facility. Lots of parking, plenty of housing and being in the hub of the Niagara Region's hospitality industry will help make the school an attractive choice for would-be cooking students. Photo by Mark Tayti

Work has already begun on the inside of the new Centre. This worker was getting ready to climb up to work on some pipes. He paused for a moment to have his picture taken and exchange a word about the weather and the sea of mud that completely encompassed the building after the rain on Sunday. Photo by Mark Tayti

New centre accepts applications

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

The walls are up, the roof is on and the registrar's office is already accepting applications for the new hospitality centre scheduled to open on Sept. 5, 1989.

Mary Petruzella, admission's officer, said, "It's hard to give precise numbers at this moment, but people definitely have started applying for the new Hospitality Centre."

The college is accepting applications in all programs being offered at the new centre: hotel and restaurant, culinary skills and tourism, tours and attractions — in both French, and English.

Construction of the new training facility has reached a point where all the walls are up, and only a small section of the roof remains open to the air.

"Right now, construction is on schedule," Neil McGregor, chairman, hospitality and development division, said. "We're just now beginning to purchase all the equipment. The people in the purchasing department are going through a tendering process."

WORK INSIDE

The building "is getting to the point where they are starting to work on the inside." And, it "won't be long" before they "can put the heat on."

Equipment for the facility will cost "over $1 million," Mr. McGregor said. "We have drawn up requisitions," and "purchases will be based on the lowest-priced" equipment still offering "the right specifications for the things we need."

In the early stages of the $6.5 million project, the college took steps to ensure that fitting out the building would go as smoothly as possible. A kitchen consultant was hired to troubleshoot on kitchen layout, the college approached other training facilities to get information on how to best avoid production problems, and the "staff was able to add a lot of input when laying out the labs and kitchens."

"We want to buy equipment that's going to be durable." Now, "we are reviewing the equipment list," he said. "With a project of this size it is a long process when choosing "the right equipment with the right specifications," and matching with the right pipes and fittings "to the right spot."

PLANS REVENUE

When the new facility opens, the Centre plans to generate revenue through food sales; however, "we insist that the food we sell to the public be our choice — to fit with the curriculum."

He said the college does not want to compromise the student's training by structuring food-sales around a system that would restrict the level of skills learned to make a few extra dollars. "It's when the dollar takes over, that you sacrifice education. We're in the business of training."

Mr. McGregor is not worried about selling the food. "It sells itself." The new on-campus food-retail outlet "will give us a more organized way of distributing the foods."

Labs, such as the food-retail outlet and up-to-date practical application of the equipment will help their staff to carry out their plan to make the Centre "the best."

"On thing we recognize is that we'll never be as big as George Brown College, so our objective is to be better."

"People come here from all over Canada looking for graduates," he said. "Right now, there is a severe shortage of labor, and more critical is the shortage of skilled labor."

At present, one out of every 10 people works in the hospitality industry. Mr. McGregor said there is every indication that "the hospitality industry will continue to be labor intensive."

The new centre gives Niagara College "a major presence in the Falls," where the bulk of the Region's hospitality industry is situated.

Dedicate valentine

Students with Valentine sweethearts can send them a personal message of love over Campus Radio Niagara College.

Next week, CRNC will have booths set up in the cafeteria and outside the library. For $1 they will play a dedication on Feb. 14, calling their special day On Location Dedication.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Any students interested in donating to the foundation are asked to contact CRNC.

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Sports

The varsity men's volleyball team got their game together this weekend as they swept their matches at Redeemer College in Ancaster. The Knights defeated Canadore College, Cambrian College and the host school. Photo by Bill Sawchuk

Men's volleyball team defeats 3 colleges; takes over 2nd place

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team had a great weekend defeating Redeemer College of Ancaster, Canadore College of North Bay, and Cambrian College of Sudbury to improve their OCAA tier II record to eight wins and three losses.

In the league standings, Niagara is in second place one win behind Cambrian.

The final match of the tournament was a grudge match for the Knights as they faced a Cambrian team which defeated Niagara in the first tournament of the season.

Cambrian won the first game of the match 15-5 after taking an insurmountable 14-0 lead.

SECOND GAME

The second game started off the same way when the Knights fell behind 8-2, but the team rallied and, at one point, scored eight consecutive points with the spiking of Jim Miller and Marc Sigouin.

Niagara dominated the net in the second game behind Brian McDonald's spiking and Jim Miller's blocking for a 15-9 victory.

Brian McDonald led the offence with nine kills while Chris Mudjar had four and Jim Miller and Dave Hartmann got three each.

Defensively Jim Miller had four stuffs, Brian McDonald, two, and Rene Lanoix, one.

The Knights opened the tournament at Redeemer in Ancaster by sweeping the host school in two games to nothing by scores of 15-11 and 15-2. Chris Mudjar played an aggressive hitting and blocking game at the net, while Brian McDonald pitched with eight straight service points in the second game.

TOP PLAYER

Jim Miller was the top player for Niagara both offensively and defensively with 10 kills and seven stuffs. Marc Sigouin added eight kills and five blocks while Chris Mudjar and Dave Hartmann had six kills each. Scott Young had four spikes while Brian McDonald had three.

Defensively Chris Mudjar had three blocks while Scott Young blocked two and Dave Hartmann and Brian McDonald contributed one each.

In the second match of the weekend the Knights swept Canadore two straight. After falling behind 0-3, the Knights rebounded for seven straight points on their way to a 15-7 victory behind the consistent serving of Jim Miller and spiking of Brian McDonald and Mark Sigouin.

SLOWED DOWN

In the second game against Canadore, the Knights slowed down defensively but still won 15-11.

Mark Sigouin was the top spiker with seven kills while Brian McDonald and Jim Miller had four each. Chris Mudjar was hard to beat at the net with five stuffs while Jim Miller added four and Dave Hartmann three. Rene Lanoix had two blocks while Brian McDonald, Scott Young and Warren Currell each added one. Mark Sigouin was the top server with 11.

The Knights return to action on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, at George Brown College in Toronto for their final league tournament before the playoffs.

VP athletics may be eliminated

The vice-president of athletics position on the Student Administrative Council will be a thing of the past if the Constitution Committee — an adhoc committee of SAC executive volunteers — has its way.

Randy moved that the position be dissolved and the duties be distributed to other members of the council at Monday's SAC meeting. The motion will be discussed at next week's SAC meeting.

"There is only one other college in Ontario that has a vice-president of athletics and I am tired of answering questions at Ontario Community College President's Association meetings about what ours does," Randy said.

SURPRISE!

The move took Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, by surprise and she immediately moved the motion be tabled for more discussion.

"I find it upsetting that this has just been brought up out of the blue," Julie said about the decision that was made by a special constitution committee. "Though I had heard about it."

Julie was distressed to have heard of the proposed move from last year's vice-president of athletics Kirk MacDonald at a party on the weekend. She would have preferred to have heard it from the people who want to eliminate her position.

SPLIT JOBS

In Randy's motion the jobs such as the promotion of scholarships, and acting as liaison between the athletic department would be given to vice-president of Internal Affairs. One of the major jobs of vice-president of Athletics is planning SAC sports excursions and this would go to the vice-president of External Affairs.

Students to show off projects at technical report night

The student branch of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers will be holding its annual Technical Report Night April 11, in the Hamilton Room.

The evening is designed to give graduating students the opportunity to show off the projects they built as a part of their curriculum in the last year of their program.

"The tickets are being printed," Tekla Hunka, IEEE student branch chairman, said. "We would like to see some of the members of the Board of Governors there this year, and the president of the college."

Although the tickets are not on sale, the IEEE has booked the staff lounge in the main cafeteria for the dinner and the reception.

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Sports

Set, ready shoot! Hey, where's the puck? Niagara Knight Brian Collins would have had a better scoring opportunity had he remembered to bring the puck along. This scene is typical of Saturday's road game against the University of Rochester Yellow Jackets, with the Knights constantly converging on goal and the Yellow Jackets doing their best to defend in organized disarray. Note the referee in the background, likely thinking about calling another penalty against the Knights. The Knights won 2-1 in overtime.

Photo by Eric Beyer

Weekend sting

Buzzing Knights' aggressive victory

It was a home-and-home series the University of Rochester Yellow Jackets would rather forget and one the Niagara Knights can savor. It meant getting back on the winning track.

"You guys dominated," Rochester coach V.J. Stanley said, following the first game in Rochester. The final score was 2-1.

The next night at the Welland arena, the Niagara Knights really took Rochester to task, trouncing them 12-1.

Before the home-and-home series the Knights had lost to the Erie Community College Cats, 5-4, in overtime, Jan. 18.

Enroute to Rochester, Niagara coach Fred Bassi, concerned with a shortage of players due to sickness, injury, suspension and tardiness, called the first game "crucial."

"We've never played this short before, we only have two lines," he said. "We've even got a goalie dressing as a forward." Three players who missed the bus showed up just in time to help alleviate the shortage.

Both teams started impressively in Friday's game, providing fast up and down action and punishing bodychecks. It soon became apparent the Yellow Jackets could not counter Knight speed; they played a strong defensive game to manage to push the game into overtime.

Nick Minken and Rod Estabrook had break-aways in the first period and Chris Vandemeer had a tremendous point-blank shot but all were stonewalled by a hot Rochester goalie, Darryl Luplow. Many Knight shots required Luplow to merely stand his ground — and he did.

The first few minutes of the second period saw the puck mostly in the Knight zone followed, moments later, by frenzied action in the other end of the rink.

Unnecessary penalties kept the Knights' offence handcuffed; although Rochester should have been in the box just as often, but the penalties weren't called. The Knights' defence, led by Jim Beattie, did an amazing job while the team was short-handed.

TWO MEN SHORT

More than once the Knights were two men short.

It wasn't until the first seconds of the third period that Jim Denardi popped one in with a nifty wrist-shot for the visitors.

When it appeared the Knights would cruise to easy victory the Yellow Jackets lifted Rochester fans to their feet by tying the game with 11 seconds to go, after an earnest scramble in front of the net and pulling their goalie.

In overtime, it was not a question of if the Knights would score but when, for they controlled the play. Blake Sawyer banged in the winning goal at 4:29 of overtime.

NOT PLEASED

Coach Bassi wasn't all pleased with the Knights' play, but was glad they came out on top.

"We needed this game for the points, but we did not play well," he said. "But we did show a lot of character by winning this game."

Hoping the team can finish in first place and get a bye in the first round of the playoffs, Mr. Bassi said,"They'll (the team) be working hard Monday, they know it's the start of a new season."

Defenceman and captain Jim Beattie, who scored a hat trick in Saturday's romp, said the wins were important.

"It was important to win big, seeing as we lost the last game. We couldn't put in a lacklustre performance. Barring disaster we should be able to end in first place," Beattie said.

In the first game the lone assist on Denardi's goal came from Dan Ruetz, and assisting Sawyer were Mike Mooradian and Ken Bilodeau. Knights outshot the Yellow Jackets 45-24.

Scorers in Saturday night's blowout besides Beattie, who had an assist in addition to his three goals,were Blake Sawyer with three goals and two assists; Dan Ruetz, with two goals and two assists; Nick Minken, two goals and an assist; Mike Mooradian, a goal and two assists; James Ward, with the same; Rod Estabrook assisted three times; Bilodeau and Brian Rome had two same, and single assists for Mike Martineau, Brian Collins, and Denardi.

Knights had 47 shots on goal, including 23 in the second frame, to Rochester's 26.

The next Knights game is Feb 4. against the University of Buffalo's Thundering Herd at Welland arena.

ICHL hockey standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTs	GF	GA
Niagara College	10	9	1	0	18	72	29
University of Buffalo	11	8	3	0	16	68	52
Penn State	12	7	4	1	15	83	51
Erie Community College	13	6	7	0	12	62	70
Buffalo State	8	5	3	0	10	50	37
Contestoga College	10	3	8	0	6	42	60
University of Rochester	13	0	12	1	1	27	105

Intramural escapades on skates

The Tech Wrecks further soiled the Construction Mud Puppie's hockey record when they skated their way to victory in Niagara's intramural hockey league at the Welland Arena last Thursday.

Despite leaping lunges by goalie Claude "the Wall" St. Pierre, and goals from Steve Simmonds, Rene Lanoix and Bionic Man Ted Froese, the Wreck's Russ Henri, Borys Melnychenko, Dave Leslie, Ken Goheen and Chris Cotton each slipped one into the net, wrapping up the game with a 5-3 win.

The Business Sales Profits balanced scoring with the Information Systems Animals in a 5-5 tie. Profits that cashed in on open net space were Kenny Hoage, Morris Villella, Tim Hedge, with one each.

But the real star was John "the Rifle" Maulucci whose unorthodox skating method, paid dividends for one of his two goals. The one goal was deflected off his shin pads in a mid-flight nosedive into his opponent's net.

Those who pawed the puck past the goal line were John Sutton and Denis Rancourt, two each, and Kelly Singer with one.

The final tournament will take place Feb. 21.

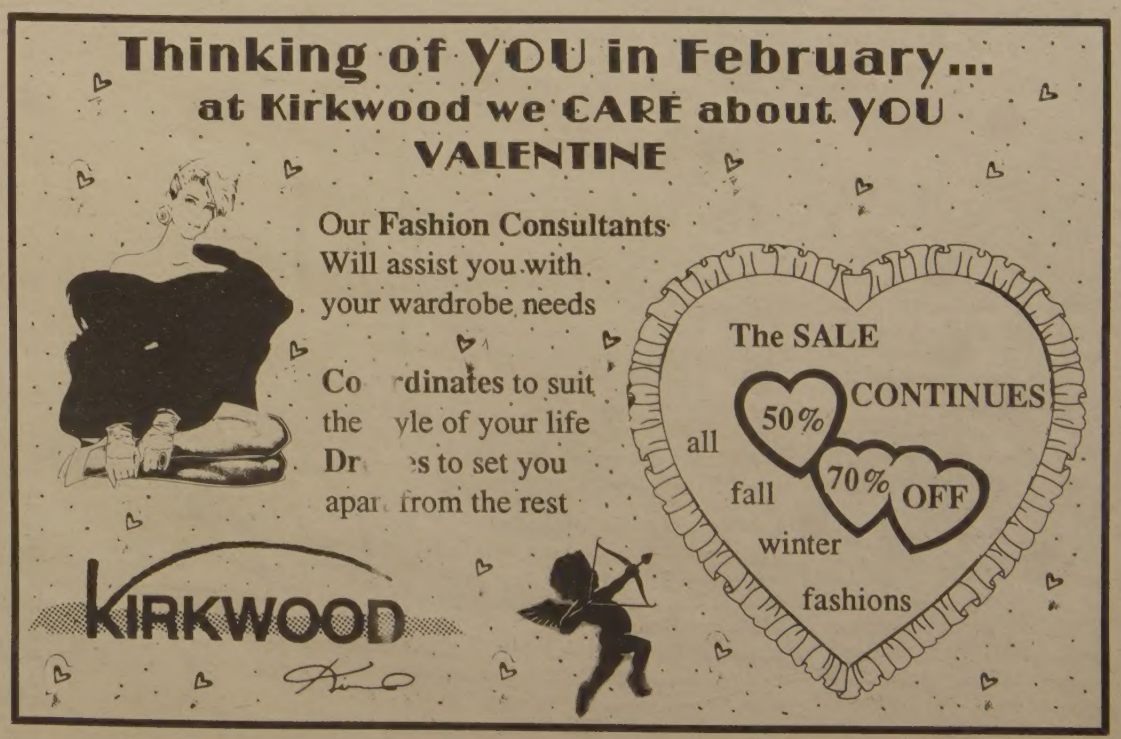
Not liable

Niagara College is not liable for the contents of a student's locker when a theft occurs.

The service charge for lockers, figured into tuition fees, is only a rental charge. "School policy is to provide a space for students to leave their property," Jack Spittle, director of plant and property management, said. Insurance on the lockers, which cost about $100 each to make, "was never something that was considered."

Responding to a letter in the Niagara News, concerning a student that had his locker broken into, Mr. Spittle said, "It's regrettable that anyone would stoop so low as to steal from a student."

He said that the theft was just another example of the "moral decay of society," and it was unfortunate people had to suffer for it.



How did this happen ?

This person obviously thought Niagara College parking lots are set up for parallel parking. If he would have stopped to look at the lines that were running out from under his car, he would have seen there is already limited space for parking at Niagara. In the future remember, one space — one car! Photo by Mark Tayti

BTSD cutbacks

'Call MP' : Backler

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

BTSD students at the St.Catharines campus have been told to contact their Member of Parliament to resolve their complaints. In a meeting last Thursday with Tony Backler, chairman of Basic Training and Skills Development, they were told funding was not available to provide them with another teacher, Lissa Haynes, BTSD student, said.

The meeting was an "exchange of views," Mr. Backler said. He has a better idea of the total picture but has "certainly not got the perfect solution. It is vital to the college to convey to them that we share their concern."

"It doesn't matter what we say or do, nothing is going to happen," said a student who asked not to be identified. "They sent Tony Backler down to make us feel good and important."

Mr.Backler said he gave a proposal to Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, "which involves a provision of extra faculty time to help students. I'm hoping for five to seven extra hours and we may be able to do other things. We have to live with the budgetary constraints."

As a short-term solution, Mr. Backler had already scheduled extra hours for two BTSD teachers. Iris Later, BTSD co-ordinator, was scheduled for five extra hours and Joe Brandy, BTSD instructor, two extra.

The students have become frustrated and don't know where to turn. "What do you do from here?" Lissa said. "Mr. Backler's only suggestion was to contact our MP." Cutbacks in funding are unusual for an area with a high rate of unemployment, she said.

In January the BTSD students sent a letter outlining their concerns to Mr. Backler, Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, and Sam Torlone at the Canada Employment Centre. Their primary complaint was that class sizes are too big and more teachers are needed.

The BTSD program is continuous intake which means students are entering and leaving the program throughout the year and "it is hard to set up anything with any durability," Mr. Backler said. "How do we build in our help to capture what is an ever-moving target? The need is there but the application must be done carefully."

Students are worried that if they don't complete their upgrading, they will be unable to get into courses they want like technical and stationary engineers, Lissa said. The government will only pay for up to 52 weeks of skills upgrading regardless of whether students finish the course.

Mrs. Later said that though cutbacks have been going on for five year, this problem originated last spring "because of Manpower cutbacks to seat purchases to the academic division. The number of seats was reduced from 40 to 20." Before this drop, there had not been three levels of students per classroom.

In 1984, the Applied Science and Technology school of Niagara College received $4.3 million in funds from the Canada Employment Centre, Mr. Backler said. Last year the total for the entire college was $1.7 million.

Because students are "all on individual learning programs, it made it very difficult for teachers to give the same amount of time to each student as they had previously done," Mrs. Later said.

"Because BTSD students are on a limited amount of time for their programs, each person being allocated only the number of weeks necessary for them to complete their courses, time with the teacher is of prime importance.

Consequently the students have become dissatisfied and feel that they are lacking sufficient individual attention from their teachers."

'Takes time', Jackie says

The teachers with the Basic Training and Skills Development program at the St. Catharines campus, "are doing the best job they can," according to the college president.

Jacqueline Robarts made the comments after students complained about instructors teaching the program.

"Some instructors were laid off and replaced with teachers unfamiliar with the program," Miss Robarts said. "It takes time. At least 50 per cent of the teachers have changed."

She said the program was affected by layoffs due to the college's budgetary restraints.

Niagara reps ready for education pow wow

Faculty and administration representatives from Niagara College, including SAC president and student Board member Randy Conlon, will have a chance to study how other colleges are preparing to Meet the Challenges of the 1990s at the Feb. 10 to 12 Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario conference at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The educational conference, designed to promote the free exchange of ideas between colleges has some "real cracker-jack speakers," Bill Ford, outgoing chairman of the Board of Governors, and president the association, said. The four keynote speakers will be Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities; Dr. Brian Segul, president of Guelph University; Stuart Smith, founder and president of the Rockcliffe Research and Technology Inc., and David Pecaut of The Canada Consulting Group. Former NDP leader Stephen Lewis, former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, was scheduled to speak, but cancelled when he was called to Japan on UN business.

HIGH ATTENDANCE

The attendance looks like one of the highest the conference has ever had," Mr. Ford said. "Last year we had 285 from the 22 colleges."

The speeches will cover issues including An International Perspective on Post-Secondary Education; Knowledge and Social Responsibility: Exploring the Problems of An Incomplete Education, and Competing in the New Global Economy: The Implications.

Among other speeches, workshops, and lectures will be a presentation by the Association of Correctional Workers Programmes in Ontario. The multi-media presentation, a success at other conferences, will challenge the ability of its audience to reach out and develop the whole individual. Scenes from Educating Rita and The Corn is Green will display this development of the individual in a college or university setting.

VISION 2000

Those attending will participate in an interactive examination of key Vision 2000 issues identified by the study teams. Vision 2000, a review launched by Lyn McLeod asks the question, "What should the college system look like in the year 2000 and how do we get there from here?" It is slated for completion by December.

Randy hopes the conference won't neglect student delegates:

"I attended the Association of Canadian Community Colleges conference in May and it wasn't very student-oriented, I am hoping this conferencd will have more for student Board members. I think I can learn a lot from this conference; it will allow me more input on the Board at the committee level."

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